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WEATHER-FAIR.

WASHINGTON, D. C., MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1917.

ONE CENT In Washington and points suburba

# U-BOATS SINK 3 U.S. VESSELS

### RAILROADS AND MEN REACH AGREEMENT; WALKOUT AVERTED

Threatened Tie-up of Nation's Resources Is Blocked by All-night Conference Between Men and U. S. Officials.

### ANSWER WHITE HOUSE APPEAL

President Wilson's Message Citing War Danger and Peril of Country Responsible

for Peace Treaty.

New York, March 19.—The railway strike has been called off. Franklin K. Lane, head of the President's commission on mediation, after conferences lasting all day, with the railroad heads and the railroad brotherhood chiefs, made this announcement at 2:30 o'clock this morning:

"The reason for the joint action of the railroad managers and the brotherhood chiefs was the existence of the present international crisis. The action was taken in response to President Wilson's appeal to their patriotism."

#### AMPLIFIES STATEMENT.

Mr. Lane said further:

"Regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the Adamson law, the basic eight-hour law will go into effect. The details are being worked upon now by a joint committee which will have its negotiations concluded

"This settlement was considered as a sweeping victory for the unions They get the basic eight-hour day, their chief contention, regardless of the decision of the Supreme Court on the constitutionality of the Adamson law."

Freight traffic in and out of Washing-

ton on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad

all freight off before the hour set for

direction.

strike, and had succeeded well in this

W. J. Wilson superintendent of the

Several score of handlers of freight

ployes that the strike had been postponed.

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should be considered as a

### TEXT OF LETTER.

In a letter to the President's mediation committee the National Conference Committee wrote as follows: Wilson, Hon. L. Daniel Willard, and Hon. Samuel Gompers, Committee

Misunderstanding, Return.

Who Struck Through fused and fragmentary, but they indicate how these isolated outbursts of popular freezy and mad fighting in different freezy and mad fighting freezy and "Hon. Franklin Lane, Hon. W. B.

"Gentlemen: In the national crisis precipitated by the events of which we learned this afternoon, the National Conference Committee of the railroads joins with you in a conviction that neither at home nor abroad in the latter of the railroads joins with you in a conviction that neither at home nor abroad by yesterday afternoon.

Itom on the Baitimore and Onio Railroad ment, finally converging into a revolution and overthrowing the former order of things.

I'vill Saturday of last week there were only hunger riots in Petrograd. They were without purpose and connection.

On March 10, toward evening, the Duma precipitated by the events of which should there be fear or hope that the efficient operation of the railroads of the country will be hampered or impaired. Therefore, you are author-little or no inconvenience. They explain-little or no inconvenience. They explainized to assure the nation that there ed that every effort had been made to get will be no strike."

### WILSON CLOSELY WATCHES CONFERENCE DEVELOPMENTS Washington Terminal Company, stated last night that all passenger trains of

Watching close the progress of the the railway have been running without inmediation negotiations in New York beterruption and are arriving and leaving
tween the government representatives, this city on schedule time. It was indithe railroad heads, and the chiefs of the cated that the Baltimore and Ohlo Comrailroads brotherhoods, President Wilson, pany has been unusually successful in was last night confident that a general coping with the extraordinary freight strike throughout the country would conditions which have been confronting ultimately be averted. The White House confidence in the outcome of the efforts of the government's mediators was based trainmen and other employes in the local largely on full and complete accounts of yards of the Baltimore and Ohio had of the government's mediators was based trainmen and other employes in the local largely on full and complete accounts of yards of the Baltimore and Ohlo had yesterday conferences, transmitted by Secretary of the Interior Lane, who heads the mediation commission. The reports were not made public, but it was stated that they were of an encouraging the workers showed suspicion and said they were of an encouraging the workers showed suspicion and said they were of the property and the strike they were of the property and the strike they were of the property and they were showed suspicion and said they were of the property and they were showed suspicion and said they were of the property and they were showed suspicion and said they were some they are they were the property and they were they are t

Secretary of War Baker, who is chair- fore they returned to work, of the Council of National Defense. On a special train Vice President G. F. ed the mediators, was at his deak Simes, of the National Brotherhood of throughout the day, scanning the reports Railway Trainmen, sped through New from New York. He kept in close touch Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia with the President, and transmitted to and the District of Columbia yesterday House all information as to notifying Baltimore and Ohio Railway em-



### Do Your Bit.

The Washington Herald is printing advertisements for the District National Guardsmen who her classroom should be considered as a direct disobedience of instructions at the are looking for positions.

Give them all the co-operation ers to "have a care in their expressions,"

#### SITUATION WANTED ADDLETS FOR DISTRICT GUARDSMEN.

POSITION OF ANY KIND BY ENERGETIC Guardsman. Phone Columbia 5572 (Battery A. GUARDSMAN DESIRES POSITION; STRONG: GUARDSMAN DESIRES POSITION; STRONG; willing to do hard work, 72 Morton st, nw.
WANTED-A POSITION AS A BREAD WAGON driver. Write CLINTON L. MATTINGLY, Company L. Third D. C. Infantry, 301, 14th st. ne.
WORK OF ANY KIND, WITH SOME CHANCE for advancement. JOHN W. CHANDLER, Con pany E. Third D. C. Infantry, 627 Va., ave. se. GUARDSMAN DESIRES A FOSITION OF ANY sort-checker, salesman, floor man, etc. Address 5. TILLMAN, Company B. Third District of Columbia Infantry, Fort Myer, Va. JOSEPH E. McCOY, THIRD INFANTRY, 500 12th st. sw., would like work of any kind. He has an excellent record and is industrious.

Kaiser which have caused such vigorous protests from teachers and pupils of the Central High School, as "the poor little JAMES J. CARROLL, THIRD INFANTRY, 30 D W. H. POPE, THIRD INPANTRY, BALL

Kaiser

Miss Siebert denies she locked the doors of her room to keep her German

She refers to the photographs of the

mmediately afterward taking the matter

nation of the affair by Miss Sie-

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### RAIL STRIKE CALLED OFF 22 AMERICAN LIVES WIPED OUT IN TRIPLE DISASTER, IS BELIEF RUSSIA SWEARS

### HIGHLIGHTS OF TRAGEDIES THAT MAY BE OVERT ACT

The American liner, City of Memphis, New York to Havre, Savannah Line, was sunk by gunfire from submarine yesterday

The American steamship Vigilancia, 4,115 tons, formerly of the Ward Line, was sunk without warning.

Arthur, Tex., was sunk, but crew was saved No definite word has been received regarding the loss of Amer-

ican lives, but 22 are missing. The first reports from Consul Frost at Queenstown, and from Consul General Skinner at London are fragmentary.

Administration officials view the three tragedies with the greatest anxiety, and some predict that war with Germany cannot now be

The Illinois, a tank ship of the Texas Company, London to Port

### **BRITISH FORCES** OCCUPY PERONNE

### Haig's Troops, Victory-Mad, Street Railway Charged at Drive Teutons from Sixty Villages.

(By the International News Service.) London, March 18.-Nesle, Peronne and Chaulnes were occupied by British troops more than sixty villages. The Germans have been driven back over a front forty-five miles long and in some places.

to a depth of ten miles.

Peronne was considered one of the key positions of the German lines. Rail-Berlin, March 18.—Revolt is still in full roads and main highways centered there. Gen. Haig's troops are still pushing on. Tremendous enthusiasm marks the fight-ing of the British troops.

OF RUSSIAN UPRISING Berlin (via Sayville), March 18.—The vell of mystery that shrouds the fateful events in Petrograd during the first days

of this week begins to be lifted.

The first refugees from the revolution have arrived in the Scandinavian counquarters were going on simultaneously and were only parts of one great move-ment, finally converging into a revolution and overthrowing the former order of

and French, in a strip of land systematically abandoned by us, occupied our former positions and several towns, among which are Bapaume, Peronne, Roye and Noyon. Our protecting troops inflicted considerable losses on the enemy inflicted considerable losses are grainful to the constant of the public pressure and the public by yesterday afternoon.

Passenger traffic was not affected in hands. Several of them assembled in the passenger traffic was not affected in any way, and officials in charge of the Baltimore and Ohio freight yards here asserted that the walkout had caused but the Duma president, M. Rodzianko.

The rumor ran like wildfire through the little or no inconvenience. They explaintly and within a half hour the house the public welfare, and be it further thanks. Several of them assembled in their and then gave way as had been ordered; theft of a street car ticket to an attention of the name of the passenger traffic was not affected in hands. Several of them assembled in the gave way as had been ordered; theft of a street car ticket to an attention of the passenger traffic was not affected in hands. Several of them assembled in the gave way as had been ordered; theft of a street car ticket to an attention of the passenger traffic was not affected in hands. Several of them assembled in the gave way as had been ordered; then gave way as had been ordered; then gave them gave them gave the gave that the gave the gav dawn on a trench sector captured by us on March 16, north of Champretes Farm.
The attack failed. On Combres Height.
and near Maisey, north of Miniel, storm. besieged by thousands anxiously awaiting developments. They saw the

### UNIONS ENRAGED: TO FIGHT TO END

### Mass Meeting with Plotting Slavery Against Employes.

A demand for the abdication of all vidual contract of the Washington Railtoday. British troops also have taken way and Electric Company, as a "document" which is aiming to throw the front employe back to where Abraham Lincoln ago," and a declaration that the carmen's strike will not be broken until every man on strike will be back on his job, marked the spirit of a rousing meeting held by

our fire. Near Reclincourt and Thioy enemy forces which had entered our positions were defeated in a hand-to-hand Electric Company to carry out the manfight and left a number of prisoners in our hands.

Between Arras and the Oise the British commodate the public, and be it further

Would Deport Strikebreakers. "Resolved, that the undesirable citiand misdemeanors, ranging from the "Resolved, that organized labor does

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## MAY OUST NORRIS TO SHOW LOYALTY BEST GUNNER OUT

to President.

efforts to keep us at peace with the

and unconditional loyalty to the gov-ernment of the United States and

pledge my support to you in protect-ing American rights against unlaw-ful violence upon fand and sea, in guarding the nation against hostile

attacks, and in upholding international

that will be circulated by the Legion of Loyal Women to show the President

ington is not lacking in loyal support of the government. The Legion is one of the oldest patriotic societies in Washington and it will ask the Woman's Relief Corps, the ladies of the

G. A. R., the Daughters of Veterans.

the Women's Auxiliary of Spanish War Veterans and the Daughters of the American Revolution to co-operate in

the work and the Chamber of Com-

merce to supervise the work.
"I think it is highly important to show the President that we are right

behind him," said Mrs. John A. Logan.

one of the oldest members of the Loyal Legion last night. "There has been to much clamor by peace soc-

leties and peace speakers who seek to give the impression that the great majority of people in the country are

"I do not know of a better way to

so that he will know where

show the President our feelings than to sign these petitions and send them

BOMB VICTIM IDENTIFIED.

lost, were deepened by the identification of the second Daniel J. Brady, of this city.

American rights.

any action to protect

This declaration will head petitions

world. I hereby declare by absolute

few days to sign this petition:

States:

### on "Traitor" Charge.

members took the movement in their

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WAR TO DEATH

New Government Formally

Notifies Allies of Blood

Vow Against Germany.

TROOPS SWEAR FEALTY

Portraits of Czar, Family and Ances-

tors Disappear from Govern-

ment Office Walls. (By the International News Service.)

Petrograd, March 18 .- Paul Milyukoff

minister of foreign affairs in the new revolutionary government, sent messages

today to Russian representatives in all capitals of the entente allies informing them that the new Russia was united for a continuance of the war against the

All the armies in the field have been

informed of the abdication of Emperor Nicholas. The troops received the news with enthusiasm, it was announced here

tonight. The committee of twelve stated

that they had received mesages from practically every commander declaring allegiance to the new government. Portraits of members of Czar Nicholas

family and their ancestors disappeared

today from nearly all government offices.

Foreign Minister Milyukoff received the ambassadors and ministers of the entente governments today. There was a long session of the new cabinet.

The entire Baltic fleet has joined the

revolutionary movement. Its chief com-mander has pledged the fleet's loyalty to

swing in Moscow. Violent street fighting between troops, police and civilians con-

tinues, it is reported from Haparanga, on

The military commander of Moscow re-fused to submit to the revolutionists.

the provisional government.

the Russian-Swedish border

BERLIN HEARS DETAILS

AGAINST KAISER

Senator George W. Norris, Progressive-Republican, of Nebraska, and one of the "little group of wilful men" who fought the enactment of the armed ship bill, will vindication of his course at the He has tendered Gov. Keith polls. He has tendered Gov. Keith Neville, of Nebraska, the suggestion that the legislature of Nebraska be asked to they would await official notification becall a special election at which the ques-tion of his recall may be submitted to the voters of the State.

In a letter to the governor, Senator Norris explained that he had been charged with treason to his country, and with misrepresentation of his constitu

The publication of these charges. throughout the United States, said Senator, have convinced him that he should seek justification at the hands of the people who elected him. He adheres to the opinion that his course was justified by reason of his own interpretation of the armed ship bill as episode to determine whether or not Miss slebert's alleged pro-German attitude in tion, from the legislative to the execu tive branch of the government. Said outbreak of the war cautioning teach-

"I have no desire to represent the will be begun this morning. This was learned last night from E. L. Thurston, superintendent of schools.

When asked how serious he considered the superintendent of schools. When asked how serious he considered Miss Siebert's determination to have if I am misrepresenting them, the remedy photographs of the Kaiser and the royal family in the achoolroom and of publishing a Czar or a Kaiser and the making a Czar or a Cz

photographs of the Kaiser and the royal family in the achoolroom and of publicly family in the achoolroom and of publicly ing a Czar or a Kaiser out of the President."

Senator Nor: Is told Gov. Neville that he was willing to waive his personal preroport of the affair at his office which he would carefully examine this morning. under the organic law of the United States he would, in the event the special election condemned him, tender his resig-Explanation of the analy by also sie-election consumined min, tender his resignment in a four-page account of the episode, as she views it, written by her tion be held not later than May 1.

### yesterday afternoon, is prefaced by the sentence. "I have always used pictures in my school work and cannot teach without them." KILLED IN EXPLOSION KILLED IN EXPLOSION

BULLETIN. Copenhagen, March 18 .- Several hun dred workmen and women were killed when a munition plant in Cologne blew up last Thursday, according to information reaching here today.

## Nebraskan Asks Recall Vote Patriots Here to Sign Petition Daniels Dismisses Lieutenant

#### Patriotic men and women of Wash- While the Navy Department has been ington will have an opportunity in a making a canvass of young officers suf-"To the President of the United American armed liners, the most expert young officer in the service, Lieut. "As an American, faithful to Ameri-Thomas M. Tipton, has been dismissed can ideals of justice, liberty and humanity, and confident that the government has exerted its most earnest. The case has counsed a sette in parel.

The case has caused a stir in naval circles because every officer on the court which tried the young officer pleaded for clemency, and Rear Admiral Leigh C. Palmer, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, added an earnest appeal of his ow to save him.

Rear Admiral Palmer pointed out that

the young officer, who comes from New Mexico, had twelve years' excellent serbest gunnery officer in service but had established a world's record by not miss-ing a single shot with his turret at long range and under conditions almost as rough sea.

Secretary Daniels, who has strong views on the liquor question, after re-ceiving Admiral Palmer's recommendetion, replied that "no punishment other than dismissal" could adequately rebuke and all their offers of high prices. the young officer for his having yielded to intoxicating liquors. Lieut. Tipton, therefore, has been dismissed.

Lieut. Edward C. Lange, of Wisconsin, was tried by court-martial for over-indulgence in intoxicants and was also

dismissed.

It is learned that four more officers had been dismissed from the navy for various offenses not made public—Lieut.

Anson G. Merrick, Lieut, Daniel S. Mc-Quarrie, Passed Assistant Surgeon Charles P. Lynch and Assistant Pay-master John A. Harman.

### KILLED IN TAXI SMASH

Hagerstown, Md., March 18 .- Mrs. Berne Bowers, of Hagerstown, was run down and instantly killed at 4 o'clock this afternoon in Hagerstown by a taxicab. Her 4-year-old son, who was riding with his Boston, March 18.-The mystery of the Court House, in which two lives were

The Greek chauffeur, who, it is alleged.
was inexperienced, probably will be held
for manslaughter by the coroner's jury
tomorrow.

The Senator collapsed at the Republican Club Saturday while defending his
action in participating in the fillbuster
relative to arming American ships. mother, escaped injury.

The Greek chauffeur, who, it is alleged.

## **CLASH WITH GERMANY** MAY RESULT FROM ACT OF RUTHLESS WARFARE

Gravest Complication Faced by Washington Since Diplomatic Break with Berlin Government.

### ONE CREW GIVEN NO WARNING

Meager Dispatches From United States Officials Abroad Only Hint at Full Scope

of the Tragedy. (By International News Service.)

London, March 18.—Three American steamships have been sunk by German submarines. Twenty-two of their men, most of them American citizens, are at latest reports missing.

The vessels destroyed were the City of Memphis, Illinois and Vigilancia. The crew of the Illinois has been land a without loss "Kings," a vehement attack on the indi- of life. The missing are from the crews of the out two vessels.

### MEMPHIS SUNK SATURDAY

The disaster to the Memphis occurred late on Saturday afterbrought the negro from fifty-five years noon. She had left Cardiff, Wales, on Friday in ballast for New York. The Stars and Stripes were painted on both her sides.

It was 5 o'clock the next afternoon when the submarine was

the spirit of a rousing meeting held by strikers, organized labor generally, and ing of the British troops.

BERLIN STATEMENT ADMITS

GRANT BRITISH OFFENSIVE

Berlin (via wireless to Sayville), March Is.—Between La Basse Canal and the Scarpe River there was lively fighting. Near Loos, German reconnoitering destantents brought eighteen prisoners from the British lines.

On both sides of Arras hostile reconnoitering detachments, in strength of one battailon, advanced against our positions and were for the most part repuised by our fire. Near Reclincourt and Tilloy our fire. Near Reclincourt and Ti

Meanwhile, the submarine, which was of the latest and largest German type, remained on the surface, its commander and crew watching the sequel of their destructive work. As the weather looked threatening, the American captain requested that the boats be towed toward land. The commander of the submarine curtly refused this request.

The submarine left them to their own devices and they set out in the hering darkness for the Irish coast. The boats became separated during

### THREE BOATS PICKED UP.

Three of them, containing thirty-three men, almost all Americans, were The attack failed. On Combres Height, and near Maisey, north of Mihiel, storm-hereby declare that it will not patronize ing detachments entered the French positions and returned each with treaty.

Resolved, that organized labor, does picked up at 4 o'clock this morning by a British patrol boat, which landed the Washington Railway and Electric them. Other patrol boats were immediately sent in search of the two missing boats and they were afterward landed.

The freighter Vigilancia was torpedoed without warning by a submarine which did not appear upon the surface. Fourteen of her company are missing. One is the fourth engineer, the others are seamen.

The German crisis has been made still more acute by the ruthless destruction of three American liners-the City of Memphis, the Illinois, and for Drinking, Despite Record. the Vigilancia-by a submarine in the war zone yesterday. It is probable that scores of American lives have been blotted out in

these three tragedies, and it is possible that the American government may ficiently skilled in gunnery to protect be driven to convert "armed neutrality" into a state of war with Germany The destruction of the liners is the gravest news that has reached

Washington since the break with Germany. All three ships, apparently, were sunk without warning, and the lives of Americans were sacrificed without any attempt at providing for their safety. They were left to the mercy of the seas in small boats.

## INMATES FREEZING

vice behind him, that this was his first offense and that he not only was the No Coal at the Insane Asylum Since March 7.

pital for the Insane was burned March 7 asters. difficult as shooting at a periscope in a and the buildings have been as cold as The day's destruction added to the an ice house since that day. The authorities of the hospital have

been unable to get coal, because of the

half of them women, in the different buildings, and they have had absolutely considered plans for resting the no heat since March 7, not even on the whole case of the United States on dampest and coldest days. The strongest patients simply bear the cold as best they can. The weak patients are covered with all the spare

No Announcement

blankets and bed clothing that can be ound.

The doctors, nurses and orderlies walk Lansing and Counselor Polk reviewed in detail the meager reports from County about wearing heavy suits and overcoats

and quaking with the cold. and in many wards there is no water.

### IOWA SENATOR BETTER

New York, March 18.-Albert B. Cum mins, United States Senator from lows

#### All But Eight Saved. All but eight of the crew of the

Memphis were reported saved by AT ST. ELIZABETH'S British patrol boats, but the meager reports gave no account of the men of the Vigilancia and the Illinois. ! Urgent instructions were sent to American consular agents late last night to rush to Washington imme-The last coal at the Government Hos- diately full accounts of the three dis-

gravity and concern which the administration has felt as to the subdespite all their efforts marine situation, but there was some doubt last night as to whether the There are 2,110 insane patients, about President would alter his carefully half of them women, in the different considered plans for resting the combatting the U-boat menace by

### No Aunouncement Made.

While the President, Secretary of State Frost at Queenstown and Consul General Skinner at London, no announcement was forthooming from either the White House or the State Department. declared that nothing could be said

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